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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Dai (US Patent No. 5,882,996). Claims 1, 8, 10 and 19 have been amended for clarification purposes, while claims 3-4, 12-13 and 21-22 have been cancelled. This Amendment is promptly filed to place the above-captioned case in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendments made to the claims, specification or otherwise in the application. After considering the following remarks, a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Discussion of 112 Rejections

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 8 has been amended to clearly recite the photoresist being negative. New claim 24 has been added for reciting the other limitation.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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Discussion of 102 Rejections

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Dai (US Patent No. 5,882,996).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

The independent claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended to more clearly define the process according to the present invention.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the photolithographic process claimed in the present invention patentably distinguishes over Dai's method, because Dai lacks at least the features recited in independent claims. Especially, Dai at least fails to disclose the process comprising forming a non-photosensitive material layer over the first photoresist layer, wherein the non-photosensitive material layer includes an anti-reflection layer and a material of the anti-reflection layer is selected from the group consisting of addition polymerization polymer, condensation polymerization polymer and ring-opening polymerization polymer.

Therefore, Dai fails to teach or suggest each and every feature as claimed in the present invention. As a result, Dai did not anticipate the present invention as suggested by the Office Action, to arrive at the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 10 and 19.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these 102 rejections are respectfully requested.

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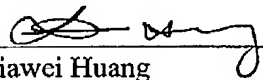
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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